In claim 7, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 2 to 6" and insert--claim 2--

In claim 8, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 2 to 6" and insert--claim 2--

In claim 11, lines 1 & 2, delete "or claim 10"

In claim 13, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 9 to 12" and insert--claim 9--

In claim 14, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 10 to 12" and insert--claim 10--

In claim 15, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 14" and insert--claim 1--

In claim 17, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 16" and insert--claim 1--

In claim 18, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 17" and insert--claim 9--

In claim 20, lines 5 & 6, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 7 and 9 to 19" and insert

--claim 1--

In claim 26, line 1, delete "or claim 25"

In claim 27, line 1, delete "any one of claims 24 to 26" and insert--claim 24--

In claim 28, line 3, delete "any one of claims 20 to 23" and insert--claim 20--

In claim 29, line 3, delete "any one of claims 20 to 23" and insert--claim 20--

In claim 30, lines 6 & 7, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 8 and 15 to 19" and insert

--claim 1--

In claim 34, line 1, delete "any one of claims 32 or 33" and insert--claim 32--

In claim 35, line 1, delete "any one of claims 32 to 34" and insert--claim 32--

In claim 38, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of the claims 36 or 37" and insert--claim 36--

In claim 41, line 1, delete "any one of claims 39 or 40" and insert--claim 39--

In claim 47, lines 1 & 2, delete "or claim 46"

In claim 48, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of the claims 43 to 47" and insert--claim 43-

In claim 49, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 43 to 47" and insert--claim 43-

In claim 52, lines 1 & 2, delete "or claim 51"

In claim 54, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 50 to 53" and insert--claim 50--

In claim 55, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 51 to 53" and insert--claim 51--

In claim 56, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 42 to 55" and insert--claim 42--

In claim 58, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 42 to 57" and insert--claim 42--

In claim 59, lines 1 & 2, delete "any one of claims 42 to 58" and insert--claim 42--

In claim 61, lines 5 & 6, delete "any one of the claims 42 to 49 and 50 to 60" and insert

--claim 42--

In claim 66, line 4, delete "claim 261" and insert--claim 61--

In claim 67, line 1, delete "or claim 66"

In claim 68, line 1, delete "any one of claims 65 to 67" and insert--claim 65--

In claim 69, line 3, delete "any one of the claims 60 to 64" and insert--claim 60--

In claim 70, line 3, delete "any one of claims 61 to 64" and insert--claim 61--

In claim 71, lines 5 & 6, delete "any one of the claims 42 to 49 and 56 to 60" and insert

--claim 42--

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims

6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35, 38, 41, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58,

59, 61, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be

entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and

consideration of the above-identified application.